



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

401ST ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION-QATAR

The Army Field Support Battalion-QA (AFSBn-QA) has a prolific history which began in September 2001. The Combat Equipment Battalion-Qatar (CEB-QA), as it was then called, officially activated at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar to provide contract oversight for Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS).

HISTORY

As the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and the Army Sustainment Command (ASC) launched their ongoing transformation campaign in May 2005, the CEB-QA was officially re-designated as the AFSBn-QA. In May 2007, the unit was re-designated as a numbered battalion, 1st Battalion, 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB). In November 2009, it was reorganized under the 402nd AFSB. In August 2011, it was again re-designated as the AFSBn-QA and remains so today. July 2015, the 401st AFSB will resume command of AFSBn-QA.

The AFSBn-QA's historical war effort contributions include: the replacement and issue of PATRIOT Systems worldwide and the launching of a National Tire Assembly Repair Program, the establishment and expansion of both a program manager (PM) STRYKER Depot Level Battle Damage Repair Facility, a PM Hellfire forward test and repair facility, and the extension of the maintenance repair and return capability to support and re-distribute theater equipment. Many of these programs achieved important mile-stones in these operations which exerted significant strategic impact on mission success.

MISSION

The AFSBn-QA's mission sustains the war fighting readiness of APS-5 equipment, 10 operational project (OPROJ) stocks, and War Reserve Secondary Item (WRSI) stocks in support of the Combatant Commander and for use during contingency operations. It also provides tenant and area unit maintenance support and air/sea/land transportation support as well.

This APS mission concept has been put to test numerous times since 2001. Successful and timely APS support has provided multiple units with critical, combat multiplier equipment and OPROJ stocks. In addition to sustaining the APS mission, the AFSBn-QA has supported diverse logistical efforts in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, and the currently evolving Operation Inherent Resolve.

VISION

The battalion's vision is to achieve excellence in delivering regional and global assets in support of unified land operations; it is realized in the following mission: to sustain the readiness and deployability of Army Prepositioned Stocks-5 (APS-5) and (OPROJ) stocks and provide the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR) strategic flexibility and depth.

- **APS = Army Preposition Stocks**
- **Third leg of the Strategic Mobility Triad**
(Sealift, Airlift, Prepositioning)
 - ✓ Reduces strategic airlift requirements
 - ✓ Reduces force closure times
- **Equips rotational units / provides a forward presence**
- **Proven in Bosnia, Kosovo, OEF, OIF, & now in OIR.**
- **APS are CONTINGENCY STOCKS and not to be used for:**
 - ✓ Improving peacetime readiness
 - ✓ Providing Maintenance Floats
 - ✓ Filling unit shortages

The diagram illustrates the Strategic Mobility Triad as a triangle. The top vertex is labeled 'PREPO' and contains an image of a transport aircraft. The bottom-left vertex is labeled 'AIRLIFT' and contains an image of a military helicopter. The bottom-right vertex is labeled 'SEALIFT' and contains an image of a naval ship. The text 'STRATEGIC MOBILITY TRIAD' is centered within the triangle.

As a combined group of professional Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors, the AFSBn-QA team stands steadfast and ready to serve our Army and our nation in the global war on terrorism as we continue to execute the AMC's mission of support to the Warfighter, while epitomizing our motto, "Strength through Readiness, Champion Support".



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